

EMERGENCY POWER ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the city Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same that the City of Hampton will from time to time in the future, in all probability, have within its corporate limits fire, flood, civil disturbances and riots; and, therefore, it is deemed in the best interest of Hampton to exercise certain emergency police powers necessary to and incidental to the maintenance of the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Hampton.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that these powers shall be placed in the hands of the Chief Executive of the City of Hampton and these powers should be exercised only in the event of an emergency as herein contemplated and shall only be exercised for such periods of time as the actual emergency exists and further that said powers shall only be invoked after a declaration and proclamation on an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton, Georgia, that, in addition to any and all powers enumerated in the City Code, the Mayor, as the Chief Executive of the City of Hampton, shall have further emergency powers as follows:

1. The Mayor shall have the right to declare an emergency to exist when in his opinion, one or more of the following conditions exists:

(a) That there is extreme likelihood of danger of destruction of life or property due to unusual conditions.

- (b) Unusual or extreme weather conditions, making use of city streets or areas difficult or impossible.
- (c) Civil unrest, commotion or uprising is imminent or exists.
- (d) There is a stoppage or loss of electrical power affecting a major portion of the City.

2. After declaration of such emergency the Mayor, as Chief Executive, shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following powers:

- (a) The power to use employees of the City of Hampton, to assist in the safety and preservation of life, limb and property of citizenry of Hampton.
- (b) The power to close streets and sidewalks and to delineate areas within the City wherein an emergency exists.
- (c) The power to impose emergency curfew regulations.
- (d) The power to close business establishments within the affected area.
- (e) The power to close any and all municipally owned buildings and other facilities to the use of the general public.
- (f) The power to do any and all acts necessary and incidental to the preservation of life, limb and property of the citizenry of Hampton.
- (g) No emergency power as set forth herein may be effective for more than 72 hours after the declaration of any emergency by the Mayor.

However, upon declaration of a second or further emergencies to exist the emergency powers as set forth herein may be exercised during such further emergency period or periods but never for more than seventy-two (72) hours in one declared emergency period.

(h) No emergency period shall extend beyond the next regular, special or called meeting of the City Council.

3. The declaration of an emergency as to a portion of the City shall specify with exactness the area in which the emergency is declared to exist.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, the remaining portion thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted: 7th Day of November 1967

Attest: (Signed) Alfred Conrad
Alfred Conrad, City Clerk
City of Hampton, Georgia